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Assemblyman Adams Delivers for Cedar Glen Residents and San Bernardino County Taxpayers

San Bernardino, CA – Assembly Bill 2680 was signed late Tuesday by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Authored by Assemblyman Anthony Adams, this bill provides for financial relief of penalties and interest accrued by the prior owner of the privately owned Arrowhead Manor Water Company, for a loan that was made under the California Safe Water Drinking Water Bond Law of 1976, through the Department of Water Resources.

Although Supervisor Dennis Hansberger was successful in getting the State DWR officials to reduce a small portion of the outstanding loan balance in 2007, he believed that the County should not be responsible for assuming any of the loan balance since it was an obligation of the former owner. Knowing it would take special legislation to relieve the balance of the debt obligation -- Assemblyman Adams went to work.

"Getting this bill passed seemed like an impossible feat," said Supervisor Dennis Hansberger. "I can not thank Assemblyman Adams enough for all of his hard work. It was his tireless effort that got this bill passed through the Legislature and signed by the Governor. It would not have happened without his leadership."

In 1976, a loan of approximately \$900,000 was granted to the Arrowhead Manor Water Company. Due to poor management by AMWC the loan swelled to nearly \$2.1 million.

Residents have waited for more than four years to rebuild their homes and their community. AB 2680, when it goes into effect January 1, 2009, removes a tremendous hurdle that will allow the County to acquire the company and provide essential water services to residents of Cedar Glen.